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Church Catechism:
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P R O O F S,

Taken from the
Words of *Scripture* only.

After a New Method.

L O N D O N :

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TH O' the additional Questions are not here Printed at length, yet are they so placed and distinguished, as to be made out with the greatest Ease; the Questions standing apart on the Left Hand, as their Answers do, opposite to them on the Right: For Instance,

Q. How do you prove that by Baptism you were made a Member of Christ?

A. 1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. For as the Body is one and hath many Members, &c.

Q. How do you prove that in Baptism you were made a Child of God?

A. Gal. 3. 26, 27. We are all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus, &c.

Of which sort there are in Number 98. which may be sufficient to charge upon the Memory of such as usually come to be Chatechised. Besides, it was thought proper to consult the ease of the Buyer also; there being too many Parishes which have no more Catechisms than what their Minister, or some other Charitable Hand, bestows among them *Gratis*.



T H E

Church Catechism, &c.

Quest. **W**hat is your Name?

Ans. N. or M.

Q. Who gave you that Name?

A. My Godfather and Godmothers in my Baptism, wherein I was made

a Member of Christ,

{ 1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. For as the Body is one and hath many Members, and all the Members of that one Body, being many, are one Body: So also is Christ; for by one Spirit are we all Baptised into one Body.

a Child of God,

{ Gal 3. 26, 27. We are all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus: For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.

and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

{ Rom. 8. 17. If Children then Heirs, Heirs of God, and joint Heirs with Christ.

Q. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

A. They did promise and vow three things in my Name, First, that I should renounce the Devil and all his Works,

{ 1 Job. 3. 8. For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil.

A 2

The

*The Poms and Vanities
of this wicked World,*

*And all the sinful Lusts
of the Flesh.*

*Secondly, That I should
believe all the Articles
of the Christian Faith.*

*Thirdly, That I should
keep God's holy Will and
Commandments.*

*and walk in the same
all the Days of my
Life.*

Gal. 1. 4. Who gave himself for
our Sins, that he might deliver us
from this present evil World.

Gal. 5. 24. They that are *Christ's*
have crucify'd the Flesh with the
Affections and Lusts.

Mark 16. 16. He that believeth
and is baptised shall be Saved: But
he that believeth nor, shall be Dam-
ned.

Matt. 28. 20. Teaching them to
observe all things whatsoever I have
commanded you.

Luke 1. 74, 75. That we being
delivered out of the hands of our
Enemies, might serve him without
Fear, in Holiness and Righteousness
before him all the days of our Life.

Q. Dost thou not think that thou are bound to believe
and to do as they promised for thee?

A. Yes, verily, and by God's help so I will; and I heartily
thank our Heavenly Father that he hath called me to this

State of Salvation,

*thro' Jesus Christ our
Saviour.*

*And I pray unto God to
give me his Grace that
I may continue in the
same unto my Life's end.*

Rom. 1. 16. I am not ashamed of
the Gospel of Christ, for it is the
Power of God unto Salvation, to
every one that believeth.

Acts 4. 12. Neither is there Sal-
vation in any other: For there is
no other Name under Heaven gi-
ven among Men whereby we must
be Saved.

Phil. 1. 6. Being confident of
this very thing, that he which hath
begun a good Work in you, will per-
form it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

A. I. I believe in God

Heb. 11. 6. He that cometh to
God, must believe that he is.

- the Father* { 2 Cor. 1. 3. Blessed be God even
 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Almighty,* { Matt. 19. 26. With God all
 things are possible.
- Maker of Heaven and Earth.* { Exod. 20. 11. In six Days the
 Lord made Heaven and Earth.
- II. *And in Jesus* { Matt. 1. 21. Thou shalt call his
 Name *Jesus*; for he shall save his
 People from their Sins.
- Christ.* { Job. 20. 31. These are written
 that ye might believe that *Jesus* is
 the *Christ*, the Son of God.
- His only Son,* { Job. 3. 18 He that believeth
 not, is condemned already, because
 he hath not believed in the Name
 of the only-begotten Son of God.
- Our Lord.* { Rom. 14. 9. For to this end,
 Christ both died, and rose and re-
 vived, that he might be Lord both
 of the Dead and Living.
- III. *Who was conceived* { Luke 1. 35. The Holy Ghost
by the Holy Ghost, shall come upon thee, and the Pow-
 er of the Highest shall overshadow
 thee: Therefore also that Holy
 thing which shall be born of thee,
 shall be called the Son of God.
- Born of the Virgin* { Matt. 1. 22, 23. Now all this
Mary. was done, that it might be fulfill'd
 which was spoken of the Lord by
 the Prophet, saying, *Behold a Vir-
 gin shall be with Child, and shall
 bring forth a Son.*
- IV. *He suffered under* { Luke 23. 24. Pilate gave Sen-
Pontius Pilate, tence that it should be as they re-
 quired.
- was Crucified,* { V. 33. And when they were come
 to the Place which is called *Cal-
 vary*, there they Crucified him.
- Dead* { Mark 15. 37. *Jesus* cried with a
 loud Voice and gave up the Ghost.

and Buried,

Matt. 27. 59, 60. And when *Joseph* had taken the Body, he wrapped it in a clean Linnen Cloth, and laid it in his own new Tomb.

descended into Hell;

Acts 2. 27. Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see Corruption.

V. The third day he rose again from the Dead,

1 Cor. 15. 4. He rose again the Thid Day, according to the Scriptures.

VI. He ascended into Heaven,

Acts 1. 9. While they beheld, He was taken up, and a Cloud received him out of their Sight.

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

1 Pet. 3. 22. Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the Right-hand of God, Angels and Authorities and Powers being made subject unto him.

VII. From thence he shall come to judge the Quick and the Dead.

2 Tim. 4. 1. The Lord Jesus Christ, who shall Judge the Quick and the Dead at his appearing.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost:

Acts 5. 3. 4. Peter said, *Ananias*, why hath Satan filled thine Heart to lye to the Holy Ghost--- Thou hast not lyed unto Men, but unto God.

IX. The Holy

Eph. 5. 27. That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having Spot or Wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without Blemish.

Catholick Church.

Rev. 5. 9. Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy Blood, out of every Kindred and Tongue, and People and Nation.

The Communion of Saints.

Acts 2. 42. They continued steadfastly in the Apostles Doctrine and Fellowship, and in breaking of Bread, and in Prayers.

X. The

X. *The Forgiveness of Sins.*

Luke 24. 47. That Repentance and Remission of Sins should be preached in his Name among all Nations.

XI. *The Resurrection of the Body.*

Joh. 5. 28, 29. The Hour is coming in the which all that are in the Graves shall hear his Voice, and shall come forth: They that have done Good unto the Resurrection of Life, and they that have done Evil, unto the Resurrection of Damnation.

XII. *And the Life Everlasting. Amen.*

Mat. 25. 46. These shall go away into everlasting Punishment, but the Righteous into Life eternal.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

A. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who made me and all the World.

Heb. 1. 2. He made the Worlds.

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath Redeemed me and all Mankind.

1 Tim. 2. 5, 6. There is One God, and One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a Ransome for all.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghost, who Sanctifieth me and all the Elect People of God.

1 Pet. 1. 2. Elect according to the Fore-knowledge of God the Father, thro' Sanctification of the Spirit.

Q. You said your God-fathers and God-mothers did promise for you that you should keep God's Commandments, tell me how many there be?

A. Ten.

Q. Which be they?

A. The same which God spake in the xxth Chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

- I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.
- II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any Graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth; Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them, for I, the Lord thy God, am a Jealous God, and visit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shew Mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep Holy the Sabbath Day; six Days shalt thou Labour and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou and thy Son and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates; for in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and Rested the Seventh Day; wherefore the Lord Blessed the Seventh Day and hallowed it.
- V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt do no Murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.
- X. Thou shalt not cover thy Neighbour's House. Thou shalt not cover thy Neighbours Wife; nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

A. I learn two things; My Duty towards God, and my Duty towards my Neighbour.

Q. What is thy Duty towards God?

A. My Duty towards God, is,

To

To believe in Him : { 2 Chron. 20. 20. Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be establish'd.

To fear Him : { Eccl. 12. 13. Fear God and keep his Commandments, for this is the whole Dury of Man.

And to Love Him with all my Heart, with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength : { Luke 10. 27. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Strength, and with all thy Mind.

To Worship Him : { Matt. 4. 10. Thou shalt Worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

To give him Thanks : { 1 Theff. 5. 18. In every thing give Thanks, for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

To put my whole Trust in Him : { Prov. 3. 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine Heart, and lean not unto thine own Understanding.

To call upon Him : { 1 Theff. 5. 17. Pray without Ceasing.

To Honour his holy Name : { Lev. 19. 12. Ye shall not swear by my Name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the Name of thy God.

And his Word : { Jam. 1. 21, 22. Receive with Meekness the ingrafted Word, which is able to save your Souls : But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

And to serve Him truly all the Days of my Life. { Heb. 12. 28. Let us have Grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with Reverence and Godly Fear.

Q. What is thy Duty towards thy Neighbour?

A. My Duty towards my Neighbour, is

To love him as my self, { Matt. 22. 39. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self.

And

*And to do to all Men as
I would they should do
unto me:*

Matt. 7. 12. Whatsoever ye
would that Men should do unto
you, do ye even so to them, for
this is the Law and the Pro-
phets.

*To love, honour and
succour my Father and
Mother.*

Matt. 15. 4. God commanded,
saying, Honour thy Father and thy
Mother.

*To honour and obey the
Queen, and all that are
put in Authority under
Her:*

1 Pet. 2: 13. 14. Submit your
selves to every Ordinance of Man
for the Lord's Sake, whether it be
to the King as Supreme, or unto
Governours as unto them that are
sent by him.

*To submit my self to all
my Governours, Teach-
ers, Spiritual Pastors,*

Heb. 13. 17. Obey them that have
the Rule over you, and submit your
selves, for they watch for your
Souls.

and Masters:

1 Pet. 2. 18. Servants be subject
to your Masters with all Fear, not
only to the good and gentle, but
also to the froward.

*To order my self lowly
and reverently to all my
Betters,*

1 Pet. 5. 5. Likewise ye Youn-
ger submit your selves unto the
Elder.

*To hurt no Body by
Word or Deed:*

Matt. 5. 44. Love your Ene-
mies, bless them that curse you, do
good to them that hate you, and
pray for them which despightfully
use you and persecute you.

*To be true and just in
all my Dealings:*

1 Theff. 4. 6. That no Man go
beyond, and defraud his Brother in
any Matter, because the Lord is the
Avenger of all such.

*To bear no Malice or
Hatred in my Heart:*

Col. 3. 8. Put off all these, Anger,
Wrath, Malice.

*To keep my Hands from
Picking and Stealing:*

Eph. 4. 28. Let him that stole
steal no more, but rather let him
labour, working with his Hands
the thing which is good, that he
may have to give to him that
needeth.

And

*And my Tongue from
evil speaking,*

*Tit. 3. 2. To speak Evil of no
Man.*

Lying,

*Eph. 4. 25. Putting away Lying,
speak every Man Truth with his
Neighbour, for we are Members
one of another.*

and Slandering :

*James 1. 26. If any Man among
you seem to be religious, and brid-
leth not his Tongue, but deceiveth
his own Heart, this Man's Religion
is vain.*

*To keep my Body in
Temperance, Soberness,*

*Luke 21. 34. Take heed to your
selves, least at any time your Hearts
be overcharged with Surfeiting and
Drunkenness.*

and Chastity :

*Matt. 5. 28. Whosoever looketh
upon a Woman to lust after her,
hath committed Adultery with her
already in his Heart.*

*Not to covet nor desire
other Men's Goods :*

*Heb. 13. 5. Let your Conversa-
tion be without Covetousness, and
be content with such things as ye
have.*

*But to learn and labour
truly to get mine own
living, and to do my
Duty in that state of
Life unto which it shall
please God to call me.*

*1 Thess. 4. 11. That ye study to
be quiet, and to do your own
Business, and to work with your
own Hands.*

My good Child know this that thou art not able to do
these things of thy self, nor to walk in the Commandments
of God, and to serve

*him without his speci-
al Grace ;*

*2 Cor. 3. 5. Not that we are
sufficient of our selves to think any
thing as of our selves, but our suffi-
ciency is of God.*

*which thou must learn
at all times to call for
by diligent Prayer.*

*Matt. 7. 7. Ask, and it shall be
given you : Seek, and ye shall find :
Knock, and it shall be opened unto
you.*

Let

Matt. 6. 9. After this manner therefore pray ye.

Our Father which art in Heaven.

1. *Hallowed be thy Name.*
 2. *Thy Kingdom come.*
 3. *Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven.*
 4. *Give us this Day our daily Bread.*
 5. *And forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that trespass against us.*
 6. *And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.*
- Amen.*

Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

Q. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

A. I desire my Lord God, our Heavenly Father; who is the giver of all Goodness:

To send his Grace unto me, and to all People; that we may worship him,

serve him,

and obey him as we ought to do.

And I pray unto God, that He will send us all things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies:

And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins:

And that it will please him to save and defend us in all Dangers Ghostly and Bodily; and that he will keep us from all Sin and Wickedness, and from our Ghostly Enemy, and from everlasting Death:

Our Father which art in Heaven;

Hallowed be thy Name;

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this Day our daily Bread;

And forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.

And

And this I trust he will do of his Mercy and Goodness, thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore I say, Amen, So be it. } *Amen.*

Q. How many Sacraments hath Christ Ordained in his Church?

A. Two only as generally necessary to Salvation; that is to say Baptism,

1 Pet. 3. 21. The like figure whereunto, even Baptism doth also now save us.

and the Supper of the Lord.

Joh. 6. 53. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood, ye have no Life in you.

Q. What meanest thou by this Word Sacrament?

A. I mean an outward and visible Sign of an inward and Spiritual Grace, given unto us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Q. How many Parts be there in a Sacrament?

A. Two, The outward and visible Sign, and the inward and Spiritual Grace.

Q. What is the outward visible Sign or Form in Baptism?

A. Water, wherein the Person is Baptized, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Matt. 28. 19, 20. Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations; Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Q. What is the Inward and Spiritual Grace.

A. A Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteousness, for being by Nature born in Sin, and the Children of Wrath,

Eph. 2. 3. And were by Nature the Children of Wrath, even as others.

we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Tit. 3. 5. Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to his Mercy he sav'd us by the Washing of Regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Q. What

Q. What is required of Persons to be baptiz'd?

A. Repentance, where- } *Acts 2. 38.* Repent and be baptiz'd, every one of you; in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the Remission of Sins.

And Faith whereby they } *Acts. 8. 36, 37.* See, here is Wastedfastly believe the } ter, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thy Heart, thou mayst.

Q. Why then are } *Matt. 19. 14.* Suffer little Children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

when by reason of their tender Age they cannot perform them?

A. Because they promise them both by their Sureties, which promise when they come to Age themselves are bound to perform.

Q. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordain'd?

A. For the continual } *Luke 22. 19.* This is my Body remembrance of the Sa- } which is given for you. This do in crifice of the Death of remembrance of me.

Christ, and of the Benefits which we receive thereby.

Q. What is the outward Part or Sign of the Lord's Supper?

A. Bread and Wine, } *1 Cor. 11. 23, 24, 25.* The Lord which the Lord hath } Jesus the same Night in which he commanded to be re- } was Betrayed, took Bread, and ceived. } when he had given Thanks, he brake it and said, Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the Cup when he had Supped, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood; This do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me.

Q. What is the inward part or thing signified?

A. The Body and } *Matt. 26. 26, 28.* This is my Blood of Christ---which } Body---This is my Blood of the are verily and indeed } New Testament. taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Q. What

Q. What are the Benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

A. *The strengthening and refreshing of our Souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine* { 1 Cor. 10. 16. The Cup of Blessing which we Bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ.

Q. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

A. *To Examine themselves,* { 1 Cor. 11. 28. Let a Man Examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. *whether they repent them truly of their former Sins;* { Acts 17. 30. God now commandeth all Men every where to Repent.

steadfastly purposing to lead a new Life. { 1 Cor. 5. 8. Let us keep the Feast not with the Old Leaven neither with the Leaven of Malice and Wickedness, but with the unleavened Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

having a lively Faith in God's Mercy thro' Christ, { Heb. 10. 21. Having an High-priest over the House of God, let us draw near with a true Heart, in full assurance of Faith.

with a thankful remembrance of his Death, { 1 Cor. 11. 26. As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's Death till he come.

and be in Charity with all Men. { 1 Joh. 4. 11. If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

Grace before Meat.

Sanctify O blessed God, these thy good Creatures to our Nourishment, and us to thy Service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace

Grace after Meat.

Blessed be God for these and all other his Mercies bestowed upon us thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this Day, defend us in the same with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day we fall into no Sin, neither run into any kind of Danger; but that all our Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always that is Righteous in thy Sight, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name and Words we further call upon thee. Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this Day our daily Bread, and forgive us our Trespases as we forgive them that Trespas against us; and lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

O God, from whom all holy Desires all good Counsels, and all just Works do proceed; give unto thy Servants that Peace which the World cannot give, that both our Hearts may be set to obey thy Commandments; and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may pass our Time in Rest and Quietness, thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour; in whose Name and Words we further call upon thee, Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, &c.

F I N I S.

